Hampton scholar named

The fifth annual $1,000 Fred Hampton law school scholarship, named for the slain Illinois Black Panther leader, was awarded Saturday to Christopher Thornton, 22, a Hyde Park resident entering De Paul University Law School this fall.

Thornton received the scholarship in a program at Fred Hampton Memorial Swimming Pool, 3d and Oak Streets, Maywood. The pool once was the focus of Hampton's earliest antidiscrimination efforts. Thornton, a Loyola University graduate, said he chose law because "I don't want to live my life without being able to say I've done something to help less fortunate people in my community."

Bill Hampton, 29, Fred's surviving brother, said the fund began in response to a plea made by the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.